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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<i>In re</i> Application of: Benoit De Crombrughe <i>et al.</i> Serial No.: 09/734,329 Filed: November 30, 2000 For: MASTER BONE FORMATION TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF USE	 Group Art Unit: 1636 Examiner: Terry Alan McKelvey Atty. Dkt. No.: UTXC:666US/SLH
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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE DATED JULY 13, 2004**

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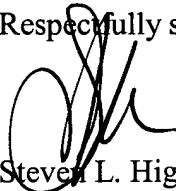
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of two months to and including October 13, 2004, in which to respond to the Notice of Non-Compliance dated July 13, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$215.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee (\$215) for a two-month extension of time.

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Respectfully submitted,



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